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TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite offering attractive incentives for large revenue generating projects, the Tourism Ministry has received very few project reports from parties interested in undertaking infrastructural work in the tourism sector;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry had earmarked Rs.40 crore as subsidies to be offered to provide companies or Government/Semi-Government agencies undertaking a project that benefits tourism and generates revenues.

(c) whether the Ministry had offered to provide up to 25% of such project cost in a bid to build tourism infrastructure in the country;

(d) if so, whether in 2006-07 only four such projects could be sanctioned and the Ministry was able to utilize just one crore of the Rs.40 crore corpus;and

(e) if so, the steps the Government considers to take for optimum utilisation of the corpus?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism has received project proposals under the scheme "Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects" from State Governments/State Tourism Development Corporations and Private Entrepreneurs.

During 2006-07, Rs.2.65 crore was released for four projects under this scheme.In the Annual Plan 2007-08, a provision of Rs.40.00 crore has been kept for the scheme of Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects.The expenditure incurred upto February, 2008 is Rs.2.21 crore.

As per the scheme guidelines the quantum of subsidy for the projects is provided upto Rs.50.00 crore subject to a maximum of 25% of total project cost or 50% of equity contribution of the promoter, whichever, is lower. The scheme has been circulated to all State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and information is also disseminated through the website.